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LETTER DATED 22 OCTOBER 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have been instructed by my Government to lodge a protest over the opening of the operation of the Pristina-Tirana air route by "Albanian Airlines" without consent from or consultations with the competent authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. A ceremony was staged at the Pristina Airport on the occasion, attended, in addition to the airport management, by the self-styled officials of the illegal institutions of the phantom Republic of Kosovo.

This is an unprecedented act carried out in the absence of diplomatic relations between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Republic of Albania, severed precisely because of Albania's hostility towards the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, its undisguised territorial claims against Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, and its assistance to the separatist-terrorist Kosovo Liberation Army.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
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